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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, PORG, SF  
SUBJ: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NORDIC FIRMS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA

REFS: (A) STATE 122054, (B) COPENHAGEN 1643

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (OLDENBURG) EXPLAINED MAY 17 THAT A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NORDIC FIRMS DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT EMERGE FROM THE MARCH 9-10 NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING AS ANTICIPATED IN REF B. THE DANES HAD HOPED THAT THE OTHER NORDICS WOULD EMBRACE A CODE SIMILAR TO THE EC CODE. THEY WERE NOT, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO DO SO.

2. NO MENTION OF A CODE WAS MADE IN THE COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MARCH 9-10 MEETING, BUT THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS DID SAY THAT THE NORDIC WORKING GROUP ON SOUTH AFRICA ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1977 WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY MEASURES TO APPLY TO SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING A CODE OF CONDUCT.

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3. ACCORDING TO OLDENBURG THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER STUDY BY THE WORKING GROUP, AND HE HAD NO CLEAR IDEA AS TO THWN A NORDIC CODE MIGHT APPEAR. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT OF GREAT IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO MOST NORDICS INASMUCH AS ONLY TWO OF THEM (DENMARK AND SWEDEN) HAVE COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT ONE OF THE TWO (DENMARK) IS ALREADY COVERED

BY A CODE - THE EC CODE.

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